

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
405 E. NORTH STREET
TRURO, IA 50257-0079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

February 27, 2012

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Jessica Deuel (Student Council representative) – present. Absent – Ken Stanley.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Tina Burkhead, Jenny Dickinson, and Brett Jones were in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Julie, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. District Priorities – President Gray reviewed the following district priorities with the board to keep in the forefront as the board makes decisions that continue to move the district forward:
 - 1) Articulate and support a cohesive student-centered PK-12 vision for continuous school improvement
 - 2) Promote (Ensure/Engage in) effective teaching and relevant learning for the 21st Century
 - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VI. Open Forum – No one wished to address the board during open forum.
- VII. Consent Agenda –
 - A) Approval of past minutes: January 23, January 24, February 9
 - B) Approval of bills
 - C) Approval of personnel
 - Resignation – Melanie Arzani (associate) at end of 2011-12 school year; Zach Stuart (assistant baseball); Curt Brookhart (assistant softball) pending suitable replacements
 - Hires – Charles Sims (substitute driver); Christine Bethards (substitute driver)Motion to approve consent agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. Reports to the Board - Elementary teachers Roxanne Beeler and Karen Reynolds and special education teacher Giget Showers presented the Elementary's Response to Intervention (RTI) program, better known as ALOHA (All Learners Offered High Achievement). The program uses data to identify and provide academic support for the purpose of every student being successful in school. The student groups are determined based on student needs and are adjusted periodically based on student progress and data (DIBELS testing, classroom progress monitoring, etc.). These groups meet in addition to regular classroom instruction. The program has resulted in fewer referrals to special education and Title programs. Even with referrals, students are coming in at higher levels, allowing teachers to accelerate interventions in those settings. The group, consisting of one teacher from each grade level, one Title teacher, two reading interventionists, and one special education teacher, wished to

thank the administration for continuing to support this valuable program. When the board was asked for their takeaway from the presentation, Bryan Arzani applauded the program for intentionally increasing collaboration and communication between teachers. Leah Gray echoed Arzani's comments and added the program directly benefits students. Julie Brownlee commented on the data that supports the program as well.

District Librarian Tom Dannen gave an update on the school libraries for the board. Dannen and associate Tracy Kozak recently visited elementary school libraries in Pleasantville and Indianola schools and got ideas on ways to improve the elementary library at I-35. Such improvements include adding dots to the books for various reading levels, and a birthday section to celebrate authors' birthdays and their work as well as a section featuring student writers, and class time activities. Dannen added that a concern at this time is a shortage in upper level (3-6) fiction books. A new catalog and checkout system is currently in the works and should be installed by the end of the school year. This is a web-based system which will allow home access for parents and teachers to review books as well as an updated inventory of the books in the library. There will be a book fair once again offered during conferences.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison, Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley, and Activities Director Ray Condon were not present, but did provide written reports in the board packet. The board echoed Condon's praise regarding the good sportsmanship exemplified by the home crowd, especially the student section at the February 16th game against Panorama.

Assistant Principal Geoff Tessau's report included updates on a new laptop cart, Tessau's participation in the Norwalk DE site visit, and the upcoming 1:1 institute in Des Moines on April 11th. Tessau concluded his report by informing the board of an upcoming needs assessment for families to complete at fall registration. The SIAC committee is currently providing feedback as to the topics to address in the survey.

Principal Casey Christensen reported to the board regarding School Pictures, Iowa Assessments, 50th year celebration, and upcoming events. He concluded his report with recent news received from the DE regarding preschool funding for five-year-olds. For this year only, the district did receive the funding for current five-year-old preschoolers after presenting its case to the DE. However, the DE has now concluded that four and five-year-olds cannot be served in the same classroom for districts to receive funding for those five-year-olds in the future, therefore, changes will be necessary going forward.

Principal Jeff Snider's report included updates on some of the great opportunities students at Interstate have available to them such as: wrestling and Mat Club, dance team, instrumental music, speech, and FFA. Snider concluded his report with updates made to the Course Description book that has not been revamped for several years. Among the changes is a new ***Diploma with Distinction*** proposal for students who have gone above and beyond in and out of the classroom and will be recognized with a special cord at graduation.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison provided financial reports on each of the district's funds including revenues, expenditures, and projected fund balances. Jamison also presented the FY2011 audited financial statements to the board for their acceptance during her report.

Jamison reviewed the various statements in the report, specifically the audit findings, of which there were very few.

Superintendent Sundermeyer's report included updates on the progress of the Governor's Blueprint for Education and School Administrators of Iowa's (SAI's) recent meeting with Director of Education, Jason Glass. Sundermeyer also recently reconvened the facilities committee to assist in identifying and prioritizing upcoming facilities improvements. They noted progress made on Priority 1 issues and discussed some newer ideas: expanded shop areas, larger weight room, more gym space, concrete pads for garbage dumpsters, lighting for student parking, and sidewalks at the softball area.

IX. Roadrunner Recognition – Superintendent Sundermeyer recognized the following individuals and groups:

Mariah Lewis and Megan Ellis have been selected to perform “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead” at the All-State Speech Festival in Ames. Justin Pontier, Kaley Chicoine, and Mariah Lewis were also selected for special recognition, but due to the criteria did not qualify to perform there. Another great I-35 representation from our speech team, led by Jason Mehrhoff.

Ethan Jones and our wrestling coaches for earning a spot at the state tournament. Unfortunately, Ethan came up short in his two matches but ended up losing to the eventual state champion and third-place finisher.

Subway in New Virginia for providing a substantial discount on sandwiches and free cookies.

This year's After Prom Committee of Tina Burkhead, Sharon Deuel, Kelley Ellis, Sheri Elsen, Beva Lupkes, Pam Roberts, Erin Thornburgh, and Kelli Wiggins for all their dedication and work in providing a fun and safe atmosphere for our students, including a recent flurry of activity – spaghetti supper, breakfast in St. Charles, and the upcoming annual carnival.

Roxanne Beeler, Casey Christensen, Beva Lupkes, Jackie Matlage, Shauna Pickering, Ashley Smith, and Jeff Snider for planning an organizing the 50th Anniversary of I-35 Schools event scheduled for April 6.

I-35's Dance Team and coaches Deann Strange and Tiffany Johnson, at 23 members strong, it is the largest in Interstate 35's history! They have performed routines this year at Homecoming coronation, a football game, three basketball games, and at the Iowa State Dance Team Association state competition. There, the team earned a Division I rating (the highest possible) and an Academic Excellence Award for having a combined team grade point average of 3.44.

Deanna Lensing, for being chosen for the third time (first person ever from Interstate 35 to do so) to perform as part of the All Iowa Honor Dance team during halftime of the girls state basketball tournament.

Marie James (Bb Clarinetist) and Valerie Bedwell (trombonist) for being selected by Iowa State University faculty for the 2012 ISU Cardinal Honor Band.

Adviser Denny Meggers and the following FFA students: Rachel Brownlee (Ag Broadcasting); Joe Bedwell, Forrest Beeler, Kim Blackford, Natalie Johnson, Shiane McKinney, Logan Adair and Garrett Thompson (Conduct of Meetings); Zach Johnson, Tanner Findley, Delayne Curtis, and Connie Carr (Chapter Quiz Team); Samantha Prescott, Natalie Harper, Callie Jackson, Abbie Nelson and Wyatt Davenport (Greenhand Quiz Team) for all advancing to districts at Collins-Maxwell on March 10.

- X. Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale of Bonds, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures, and Approving the Official Statement – The matter of the issuance of approximately \$2,400,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, was discussed. It was the consensus that the District should offer the bonds for sale as described in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012, APPROVING ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES, AND APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a resolution to authorize the sale and issuance of approximately \$2,400,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012; and

WHEREAS, this Board now deems it advisable and necessary that refunding bonds be offered for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interests of the School District and the residents thereof to receive bids to purchase General Obligation School Refunding Bonds by means of both sealed and electronic internet communication; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information from its Financial Advisor recommending the procedure for electronic bidding so as to provide for the integrity of the competitive bidding process and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF CLARKE, MADISON, AND WARREN, STATE OF IOWA:

Bryan Arzani introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Dan Kirkpatrick seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick. NAYS: none.

The President declared the resolution adopted.

- XI. Financial Services Agreement – The agreement designates the firm Piper Jaffray as the district’s Bond Advisor. Motion to approve the Financial Services Agreement by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XII. Dissemination Agent for Secondary Market Disclosure – The district must provide continuing disclosure for bond issues over \$1 million. Piper Jaffray provides this service for \$1,000 per security class of bonds outstanding, and does not charge a fee for continuing disclosure filings in a year in which a bond of that class is sold with Piper Jaffray as underwriter. Motion to approve the Dissemination Agent Agreement by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XIII. Board Policy 704.2R1, Post-Issuance Compliance Regulation for Tax-Exempt Obligations – This policy adopts written procedures to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as it relates to debt management and post-issuance tax rules and regulations governing tax-exempt bonds. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve board policy 704.2R1 and waive its second reading, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XIV. Board Policies, 602.1, 602.2, 602.3, Second Readings – These policies related to curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation are crucial as the district moves forward in the curriculum adoption process. Motion to approve the second reading of policies 602.1, 602.2, and 602.3, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XV. Shared Maintenance Director Agreement, 2012-13 – This contract with Clarke Community School District is up for renewal on March 15. The arrangement allows both districts to receive reorganization funds from the state, which more than pays for the position, as well as allows more bulk purchases between districts to benefit the district financially. Next year is slated to be the final year where supplemental funds will be provided from the state. Motion to approve the Shared Maintenance Agreement for 2012-13 by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XVI. 2012-13 School Calendar – The calendar committee was comprised of teachers Ray Condon, Jenny Dickinson, Laura Haines, and the administrative team. Parameters used when developing the calendar in order of priority were: best for students, best for families, and finally best for staff. Because of how the dates fell for holidays and professional development, and still wanting to dismiss for summer recess before Memorial Day, the calendar has spring break split over two weeks: Thursday, Friday, Monday, and Tuesday as opposed to the traditional Monday through Friday. The board wished to thank the committee for the excellent job considering how the dates fell this year. After much discussion, Bryan Arzani moved to approve the 2012-13 school calendar, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XVII. Upcoming Dates –
 - March 2 – After Prom Carnival, 5:30 p.m.

- March 5 – IPI walkthrough training @ I-35 Schools
- March 12 – Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- March 13, 15 – Parent/teacher conferences, 4-8 p.m.
- March 14 – Special Board Meeting, noon (to sell bonds)
- March 16-23 – No school, Spring Break
- April 6 – Interstate 35 50th Anniversary celebration, 1:30 p.m.
- April 9 – Public Hearing for FY2013 budget, 6 p.m.
- April 23 – Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

XVIII. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –

- Curriculum cycle (March)
- Secondary mathematics curriculum (March)
- Open Enrollment survey (April)
- Driver’s education services contract

XIX. Adjourn – Dan Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary